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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SENSING
SEAT OCCUPANT WEIGHT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 24, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 17 and ending at page 8, line 7 with the following paragraph. A marked up version of the paragraph, indicating the changes, is attached at Appendix A.

81 -- In one embodiment, first 38 and second 40 sensors are installed in the inboard track assembly 26a and third 58 and fourth 60 sensors are installed in the outboard track assembly 26b. The first 38 and second 40 sensors generate a first signal 62 representative of the portion of occupant weight on the inboard track assembly 26a and the third 58 and fourth 60 sensors generate a second signal 64 representative of the portion of occupant weight on the outboard track assembly 26b. The signals 62, 64 are transmitted to an electronic control unit (ECU) 66, which combines the signals to determine the weight of the occupant 20. The ECU then sends a control signal 68 to a

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